

TRAFFIC COMMISSION
February 24, 2011 MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Burbank Traffic Commission was held in the City Council Chambers, 275 E. Olive Avenue, on the above date. Brian Malone, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. *(***Note: The CD recorder was not working, so there is no audio recording for this meeting.)*

Members Present: Brian Malone, Chair
Paul McKenna, Jr., Vice Chair
Robert Heins

Ralph Herman
David Justl
Joe Terranova

Members Absent: Gregory Bragg
Rebecca Granite-Johnson
Barry Gussow

Staff Present: Ken Johnson—Traffic Engineering, Public Works
Sandy George—Recording Secretary, Public Works
Jeanne Keeler— Parking Analyst, Public Works
Rabie Rahmani—Principal Civil Engineer, Public Works
Rebekka Hosken—Administrative Analyst II, Public Works
Lt. JJ Puglisi—Police Department, Traffic

I. FLAG SALUTE

II. ROLL CALL

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: (Limited to items on the printed agenda or items regarding the business of the Traffic Commission)

A. Public Communication

LaVerne Thomas, a resident, discussed school safety, speed limits near schools, children on bicycles, and future agenda items.

B. Commission Member Communication

Mr. Herman discussed the 85th percentile speed to set limits.

Mr. McKenna discussed children's bicycle safety, and that the School Safety Subcommittee had not met during the past month.

Mr. Terranova said the Non-Emergency Medical Vehicle Transportation Subcommittee has not met yet due to scheduling conflicts.

Mr. Justl discussed the potential street closure at First St and Olive Ave. Mr. Johnson indicated this issue could be brought back to the Commission for discussion.

C. Staff Communication

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. McKenna moved to approve the minutes for the January 27th, 2011 Traffic Commission meeting, seconded by Mr. Heins. Mr. McKenna and Mr. Justl made several suggested changes to the draft minutes. The minutes, with those changes, were approved unanimously.

V. REPORTS

A. School Safety Traffic Subcommittee Report – Preliminary Staff Analysis (Rahmani)

Mr. Rahmani gave information and recommendations in response to the Subcommittee's recent report. After discussion, the Commission members moved as follows:

Burroughs High School:

Mr. McKenna moved to recommend the installation of flashing yellow lights on Clark Ave between Keystone/Lamer and Parish/Lamer at a cost of \$10,000, Mr. Terranova seconding the motion. The motion passed 5 to 1 with Mr. Herman dissenting.

Mr. Terranova moved not to install any further mitigations at the intersection of Clark Ave and Parish Pl, seconded by Mr. McKenna. The motion was approved unanimously.

Providencia School

The Traffic Commission agreed that no further action is needed.

Luther Burbank Middle School:

Mr. Herman moved to support staff's recommendation to wait to install new/repaint existing crosswalks on the north legs of Kenwood St and Screenland Dr at Jeffries Ave until June 1st, 2011. Mr. Justl seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Mr. Herman moved to accept staff's efforts to work with the school and Got Wheels bus to change the current bus stop location and signage. Mr. Justl seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Mr. Terranova moved to approve staff's recommendation not to change the current length of red curb near the school's gymnasium. Mr. Heins seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Mr. Herman moved to approve staff's recommendation not to install flashing yellow

lights at or near the corners of Maple/Jeffries and Pepper/Jeffries. Mr. Heins seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Terranova moved to have the School Safety Subcommittee further discuss the issue of street sweeping times versus school release times and to have the subcommittee provide a written report within 60 days (by the May Traffic Commission meeting), seconded by Mr. Herman. The motion passed, with Mr. Herman and Mr. Justl opposed.

Roosevelt Elementary School:

Mr. McKenna moved that Mr. Rahmani work with the school principal, and report back at the next meeting. Mr. Heins seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

George Washington School:

Staff recommendations were discussed and no motions were made.

Mr. Johnson, Mr. Rahmani and all Commission members present participated in the discussion.

B. Pedestrian Safety on Victory at California near Ralph Foy Park (Johnson)

Mr. McKenna moved to revisit this topic within 60 days from the February meeting once staff has video recordings of weekend and evening activity in the area. Mr. Terranova suggested that activity be recorded for four nearby intersections. Mr. Herman seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Mr. Malone, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Herman, Mr. Terranova and Mr. Justl participated in the discussion.

C. MCA/Universal Project (Johnson)

Mr. Terranova moved to table this topic until next month's meeting, and to ask David Kriske from the Community Development Department as well as a representative from the City Attorney's Office to attend the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. McKenna and approved unanimously. All Commission members present participated in the discussion.

D. LNCV Status Report (Keeler)

Ms. Keeler said the proposed LNCV permit fee and violation fine will go before the City Council for a decision on March 1st (\$5 fee, \$55 fine). The proposed fee being so low is to encourage people to use the permits. Mr. Johnson was recently interviewed by the City's Public Information Office about the LNCV ordinance. Mr. Malone, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Herman, Mr. Justl, Mr. McKenna and Ms. Thomas participated in the discussion.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

March

1. Taxicab Report (Monthly)
2. LNCV Status Report (Monthly)
3. Parking in Magnolia Park (March 2009)
4. Status of Truck Routes in Burbank (June 2009)
5. Modified Left Turn Signal Detection
6. Taxi Short Trip Fare Structure (December 2010)
7. Flat Taxi Fare Structure (December 2010)

April

1. Taxi Needs and Necessity Hearing (Annual)
2. Taxi Operating Permit Allocation (Annual)

May

1. Taxicab Report (Monthly)
2. LNCV Status Report (Monthly)
3. Magnolia/San Fernando pedestrian crosswalk (December 2010)
4. Commercial Vehicle Parking Restrictions (July 2008)
5. Traffic Calming (March 2008)
6. Vehicles for Sale on Public Streets
7. Progress of the Olive Avenue Streetscape Project (March 2010)
8. Installation of Additional Audible Traffic Signals (January 2011)

School Safety Subcommittee (Mr. Gussow, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Bragg, Mr. Heins-advisor)

1. Parking Near Schools at Dismissal Time on Street Sweeper Day (June 2009)
2. Bicycle Helmet Education (September 2009)
3. Edison Parking Issues
4. Burroughs Traffic Issues
5. Lincoln Street Traffic

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Herman moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:10pm, seconded by Mr. McKenna. The motion was approved unanimously. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, March 24th, 2011, at 4:00pm, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 275 E Olive Ave, Burbank CA.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Johnson, Traffic Engineer
KJ: smg